GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TALKS WITH EXTREMIST ORGANISATIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to hold talks with ULFA, an extremist organisation to bring them into national mainstream;

(b) if so, the details of extremists organisations with whom Government has held talks so far; and

(c) the details of issues discussed and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SMT. V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a): The Government is open to talks with any militant groups including United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), provided they shun violence. The Government has not received any formal proposal from ULFA for direct talks.

(b): Ceasefire Agreement/Suspension of Operations (SoO) Agreement are in operation with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Issac/Muivah) ((NSCN(I/M)}, National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) ((NSCN(K)}, United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC).

(c): Several rounds of tripartite talks with UPDS, DHD and ANVC on their Charter of Demands have been held and the talks are inconclusive. A Group of Minister (GoM) has been constituted to hold talks with NSCN(I/M). The latest round of talks was held on 31.7.2007. The talks are inconclusive. The NDFB and NSCN(K) have not submitted their charter of demands.